



**MINUTES**  
of the  
**Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**

**February 1, 2005**

**8:30 AM**

**Santa Barbara MTD Auditorium**  
**550 Olive Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101**

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** John Britton, Chair, Olivia Rodriguez, Vice Chair,  
David Davis, Director, Lee Moldaver, Director

**DIRECTOR NOT PRESENT:** Brian Fahnestock, Secretary

**MTD EMPLOYEES PRESENT:** Sherrie Fisher, General Manager, Tiara Lakey,  
Executive Assistant to the Board and General  
Manager, Jerry Estrada, Assistant General  
Manager/Controller, Steve Maas, Manager of  
Strategic Planning and Compliance

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Laura Condon, Assistant Director UCSB  
Transportation & Parking Services (TPS)

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Britton called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

**2. ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Chair Britton noted that all members were present, with the exceptions of Director Fahnestock, who would not be present at today's meeting and Director Moldaver, who was expected to arrive at any moment. Director Moldaver arrived at 8:34 AM (prior to item 5 of the agenda).

**3. REPORT REGARDING POSTING OF AGENDA**

The General Manager reported that the agenda for this meeting was posted at the MTD administrative headquarters, on the MTD website and mailed to the media of general circulation.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**4. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES**

Vice Chair Rodriguez moved to approve the minutes for the meeting of January 4, 2005. Director Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Director Davis moved to approve the minutes for the meeting of January 18, 2005, but noted that the agenda for today's (February 1, 2005) meeting reflects a date error and should read January 18, 2005, not January 21, 2005. Director Davis also instructed that item \*10 (Valley Express Performance Standards) of the January 18, 2005, minutes read that the Board had instructed staff to revise the recommended Valley Express Performance Standards to include a goal that the service would be self-sufficient by year 4 and to present the revisions at the next Board meeting. Vice Chair Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**5. APPROVAL OF THE CASH REPORT**

Director Davis moved to approve the Cash Report of January 11, 2005, through January 24, 2005. Vice Chair Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**THE CONSENT CALENDAR CONCLUDED AT THIS TIME**

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**7. UCSB FACULTY & STAFF PASS**

The General Manager gave an overview of the UCSB Faculty and Staff bus pass Program and stated that most of this information was presented at the December 7, 2004 Board meeting, by Tom Roberts, UCSB's Director of Transportation & Parking Services (TPS). The General Manager then reviewed the UCSB Faculty and Staff Bus Pass Program (draft) Agreement with the Board. After some discussion, which also included input from Laura Condon, UCSB's Assistant Director of (TPS) and some revision requests from the Board, Director Moldaver moved to approve the UCSB Faculty and Staff Bus Pass Program (draft) Agreement. Vice Chair Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**8. VALLEY EXPRESS PERFORMANCE STANDARDS (REVISED)**

Steve Maas, Manager of Strategic Planning and Compliance presented the revised recommended Valley Express Performance Standards to the Board. These revisions reflected the Board's instructions from the February 1, 2005, Board meeting, which was to revise the Performance Standards to meet a goal of self-sufficiency by year four. Mr. Maas added that he had now included the Santa Barbara Association of Governments (SBCAG) requested inclusion of farebox ratios as a standard. Director Davis moved to approve the Valley Express Performance Standards (revised). Director Moldaver seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**9. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT**

The General Manager reported that MTD's current Third Party Administrator (TPA) for Workers' Compensation had recently given less than 30 days notice. A Request for Quotes (RFQ) is being prepared.

The General Manager noted that soil remediation continues at Calle Real.

The General Manager reported that she and David Damiano, Manager of Transit Development and Community Relations had recently presented updated information regarding the Valley Express Service at the last Buellton City Council meeting. The General Manager added that they were well received by the Council and Victoria Pointer, Buellton's Mayor Pro Tem, complimented MTD.

The General Manager updated the Board on Easy Lift's potential relocation. The General Manager and Easy Lift's General Manager, Bob Westwick have discussed the possibility of moving Easy Lift operations to MTD's facility. Both parties understand that there would need to be further discussion, before any action was considered. On another note, the General Manager added that Easy Lift is also considering adding a new member to their Board. They have expressed an interest in having a crossover member from MTD's Board or a MTD staff member join. The General Manager suggested that Mr. Maas might make a good candidate.

The General Manager reported that MTD staff had recently met with the staff of Caltrans, SBCAG and City staff to discuss potential 101 operational improvements and how it could impact MTD's service. The General Manager added that it had been a good discussion and City staff understands MTD's concerns and will review them.

The General Manager announced that MTD staff would meet with Santa Barbara Airport staff on February 3, 2005, to review the Airport Master Plan. This plan includes the possibility of MTD buses entering the Airport (inside) circle at the entrance/driveway area. The General Manager added that the topic of rail would also be discussed. At this time, Director Davis asked the General Manager if there was any news on the Transit Village. The General Manager replied that she did not have any news, but she had recently attended and spoken at the Downtown Organization's Annual Retreat. The General Manager stated that during her presentation, she posed questions to the attendees regarding the location of the Transit Center. The response was overwhelming that the Transit Center should remain in the current location (within the Central Business District).

The General Manager reported that MTD would begin recruitment for a Human Resources and Risk Manager. Ads would be placed as early as next week. The Board offered ad placement suggestions.

#### **10. OTHER BUSINESS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Director Davis asked if a meeting of the External Affairs Committee had been arranged. Tiara Lakey, Executive Assistant to the Board and the General Manager replied that a couple of dates had been attempted, but not finalized. Director Moldaver asked about the status of the arrangements of a possible meeting with Mr. Firestone or Mr. Carbajal. Ms. Lakey stated that both offices had been contacted and she was awaiting a reply. The General Manager added that she had also spoken with Mr. Firestone and he has planned to participate in the inaugural first trip of the Valley Express Service on March 1, 2005. Director Moldaver added that MTD staff should continue to meet with new and current SBCAG members.

#### **11. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION-CALLE REAL**

The Board met in closed session pursuant to Government Code §54956.8, conference with real property negotiators regarding the MTD Calle Real Property, APN's Book 59, Page 14, Parcels 4, 5 & 6, and Book 67, Page 23, Parcel 6, concerning price and terms of payment; agency negotiators Doug Large and Bob Andrews; other negotiation parties: Housing Authority of County of Santa Barbara, Martin Farrell Homes, and Investec Capital, Inc. No action was taken.

**12. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION-CLAIM REVIEW (MARYLINA MOBLEY)**

The Board met in closed session pursuant to Government Code §54956.9, conference with legal counsel (Anticipated Litigation) to discuss significant exposure of litigation between: Marylina Mobley vs. MTD. No action taken.

**13. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION- WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIM**

The Board met in closed session pursuant to Government Code §54956.95(b) to consider settlement of a Workers' Compensation claim by James Hudson. Upon return to open session, the Board authorized negotiations to settle this claim.

**14. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION-GENERAL MANAGER PERFORMANCE/SALARY REVIEW**

The Board met in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 Conference with Labor Negotiators: SBMTD designated representatives: Brian Fahnestock and Lee Moldaver, unrepresented employee: Sherrie Fisher, General Manager. The Board directed the Personnel Committee to meet and return to the Board with their recommendations. Upon return to open session, Chair Britton read a statement from the Board, which congratulated the General Manager on a "highly successful" first year and announced an offer of a 5% increase, which would bring her current salary to \$120,750. The General Manager accepted the offer with gratitude.

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 AM.